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SUBJ: MEETING WITH ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (APCAC)

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1. FOLLOING IS TEXT OF LETTER OF DECEMBER 7, 1973,
FROM RUSSELL S. HALE, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE IN AUSTRALIA, TO HARROP. TEXT IN UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: NEW APCAC CHAIRMAN IF PAUL GIBSON,
PRESIDENT OF ENVIROTECH ASIA-PACIFIC, RESIDENT IN SYDNEY.
GIBSON IS RATHER BLUNT TYPE WITH HEAVY LEG DRIVE WHO IS
CRITICAL OF USG SUPPORT OF AMERICAN BUSINESS AND FAVORS

CREATION OF NEW CABINET DEPARTMENT. AMBASSADOR, DCM,
AND E/C COUNSELOR HAVE HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH
GIBSON WHO WILL CLEARLY SHOW GREAT ZEAL IN ORGANIZING
AMCHAMS IN EAST ASIA AND URGE THEM TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY
IN SUPPORT OF INTERESTS OF AMERICAN BUSINESS. WHILE WE
ARE CONFIDENT HE WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN U.S. EXPORT
PROMOTION EFFORTS, HE HAS AN EQUAL AND POSSIBLY EVEN
GREATER INTEREST IN AMERICAN INVESTMENT.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED TEXT. QUOTE DEAR BILL, THANK
YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF NOVEMBER 14 IN REGARD TO APCAC
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RESOLUTION NO. 8.

4. QUOTE I UNDERSTAND TO SOME DEGREE THE IRRITATION YOU FELT WHEN READING THE RESOLUTION. IT IS SOMEWHAT BROAD IN SCOPE, VAGUE IN DETAIL AND PRETTY MUCH A REPEAT OF THE SAME RESOLUTION AS APPEARED IN PREVIOUS APCAC COMMUNIQUE. IN FAIRNESS TO THE RESOLUTION, IT WAS DRAFTED TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POSITION PAPER BEGIN INNER QUOTE ECONOMIC COMMITMENT--THE UNITED STATES IN ASIA END INNER QUOTE. A COPY IS ATTACHED IN THE HOPE IT BRIDGES THE BORAD GAP BETWEEN THE RESOLUTION AND THE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. QUOTE APCAC RESOLUTIONS ARE SUBMITTED BY DELEGATES FROM THE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE. HONG KONG WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PROPOSING THIS RESOLUTION AND WAS FULLY SUPPORTED BY AMCHAMS THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN REGION, BUT PRINCIPALLY THOSE COUNTRIES HEAVILY INVOLVED IN U.S. TRADE.

6. QUOTE OBVIOUSLY THE SUCCESS OF MITI IN DETERMINING JAPANESE TRADE AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND THEN MELDING FINANCIAL, TRANSPORT AND MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS INFLUENCED THE THINKING OF APCAC DELEGATES. NOTE THAT THIS POSITION PAPER PROPOSED THAT ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES CONCERNED WITH TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN JAPAN BE CENTRALIZED AS ONE COMMITTEE RATHER THAN BE GRAGMENTED BETWEEN THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

7. QUOTE I THINK IT IS ALSO REASONABLE TO POINT OUT THAT ALL APCAC MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE NOT SATISFIED THAT THEY ENJOY THE SAME FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME OF THEIR U.S. GOVERNMENT POSTS AS AMCHAM AUSTRALIA DOES. YOU WILL NOTE IN OUR NOBEMBER/DECEMBER ISSUE OF BEGIN INNER QUOTE COMMERCE END INNER QUOTE (ENCLOSED) THAT WE HAVE EDITED THIS RESOLUTION TO MORE CLOSELY REFLECT AMCHAM AUSTRALIA'S THINKING.

8. QUOTE PAUL GIBSON, THE CHAIRMAN-DESIGNATE OF APCAC, AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COORDINATED U.S. EFFORTS WITH YOU EITHER IN CANBERRA OR SYDNEY. IF YOU ARE TO BE IN SYDNEY SOON, WE COULD ARRANGE TO HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER. FAILING THAT, WE WILL SEE YOU WHEN WE'RE NEXT IN CANBERRA.
END QUOTE.
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